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## Viewing cable 09CARACAS136, VENEZUELA: SERVICE COMPANIES FEEL THE PINCH

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- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09CARACAS136	2009-02-03 12:43	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Caracas

Appears in these articles:

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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA: SERVICE COMPANIES FEEL THE PINCH

REF: A. (A) 08 CARACAS 1757 B. (B) CARACAS 106

Classified By: Economic Counselor DarnallSteuart, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#). (C) SUMMARY: PDVSA,s cash shortage is exacting an increasingly heavy burden on oil services companies. As reported in the press, Ensco and

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DRILLING RIGS OUT OF SERVICE  
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[1](#)2. (C) During recent meetings with petroleum industry and financial market experts, EconCon and Petroleum Attache (PetAtt) heard from all part

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OTHER CRITICAL SERVICES AFFECTED  
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[1](#)3. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX, confirmed on January 29 that PDVSA has not paid its SIMCO affiliate in over five months. (NOTE: SIMCO provides critical w

[1](#)4. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX also informed Econoffs that PDVSA had convened a meeting on January 24 with other service contractors in Maracaibo, and pe

[1](#)5. (C) Following our discussions with the XXXXXXXXXXXX, EconCon reached out to XXXXXXXXXXXX which, through its XXXXXXXXXXXX subsidiary, provid

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SUBSTANTIAL DEBT  
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[1](#)6. (C) A respected local consulting firm states that PDVSA,s unpaid debt to its contractors and suppliers could total close to \$12.5 billion b

[1](#)7. (U) Faced with increased pressure from service companies announcing cessation of operations based on PDVSA,s outstanding debt, Energy Minis

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COMMENT  
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[1](#)8. (C) PDVSA,s seizure of the Ensco drilling rig has served to bring its cash flow problems even more into the public eye as service companies

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